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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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11. (Currently Amended) A process for manufacturing a planar power semiconductor device comprising:

providing a semiconductor die including an epitaxially grown silicon layer of a first conductivity formed over a silicon substrate;

designating an active area) said active area being a portion of said epitaxially grown silicon layer in which channel regions are formed:

implanting dopants of a second conductivity in all of said active area a first region of said epitaxially grown silicon layer,

forming a plurality of spaced channel regions of said second conductivity in said active area of said epitaxially grown silicon layer, each channel region being spaced from another channel region by a first conductivity region in said epitaxially grown silicon layer;

forming a source region of said first conductivity in each of said channel regions, each source region being less wide and less deep than a channel region in which it is formed; adjacent to a lateral channel; and

forming a horizontally oriented lateral gate structure over said epitaxially grown silicon layer and at least each channel region each lateral channel;

wherein said first region of said epitaxially grown silicon is selected to cover an entire active region of said device.

12. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 11, further comprising forming a field oxide termination structure at the edge of said active area region prior to said implanting step.

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- 13. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 11, further comprising forming a field oxide termination structure at the edge of said active area region after said implanting step.
- 14. (Currently Amended A process according to claim 11, wherein said gate structure comprises a gate oxide formed adjacent each lateral channel, said gate oxide being formed after said implanting step.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 12, wherein said field oxide is formed over said epitaxially grown silicon and etched to provide a window over said active area first region, wherein said dopants of said second conductivity are implanted through said window.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 11, wherein said dopants of said second conductivity are comprised of boron.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 11, wherein said dopants of said second conductivity type are comprised of either arsenic or phosphorous.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 11, further comprising, forming an oxide interlayer over said active area region; opening windows over at least said source regions; and forming a source contact over said active area region.